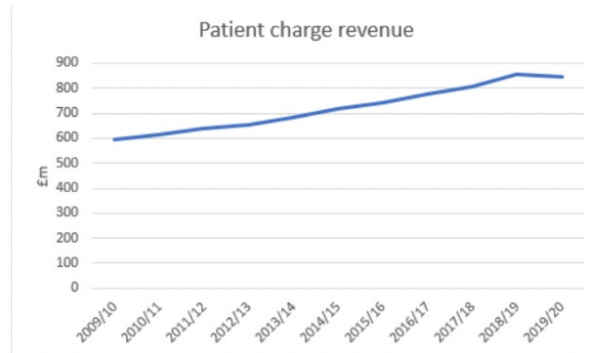
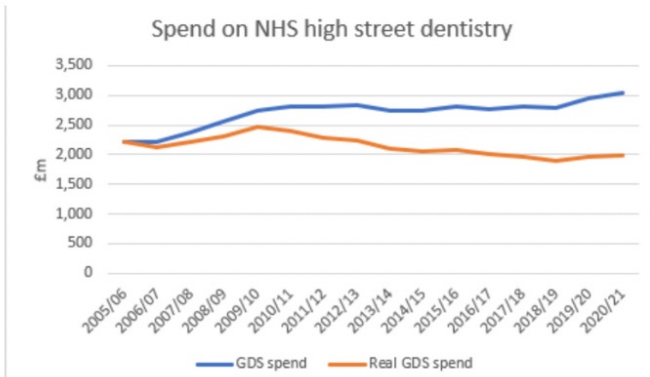


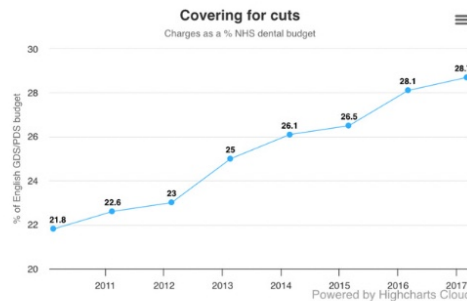


The information below provides some detail around which we have made our decision.

- 34 % real terms funding cut since 2010.
- 29 % increase in patient charge revenue.
- 90 % of NHS practices cannot recruit dentists.
- 9 in 10 practices unable to accept new adult NHS patients.
- We offered to continue to see our existing children on the NHS and to take additional children on but the NHS refused to fund this.



Funding has effectively flatlined over the last decade. In 2009, the budget was £2.75 billion and ten years later in 2019/20 it was £2.96 billion. Taking into account rising inflation, this means there have been real-terms cuts to the funding to NHS dentistry.



It's an irresistible logic for ministers. If patients put in more, that can at less. NHS dentistry in England has had a static budget for the best part of a decade, and patients are paying an ever-greater share, up from just 21.8% to nearly 30% in 8 years. so behind a static budget lurk deep cuts. A 30% increase in cahrges and a failure to even try and keep pace with inflation, mean that in real terms the government's share of spending has fallen by over £500 million since 2010. So that's no extra cash to ease the recruitment crisis, or fix access problems that are becoming commonplace across England.

Sources: British Dental Association
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BBC Survey